

Amendments to the Claims

1. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ which has a first antenna arm ~~(4)~~ and a second antenna arm ~~(5)~~, wherein each of the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~ is made of electrically conductive material and has a first end ~~(6, 7)~~ and a second end ~~(8, 9)~~ and has a longitudinal direction ~~(10, 11)~~ which runs from the first end ~~(6, 7)~~ to the second end ~~(8, 9)~~, and wherein the two first ends ~~(6, 7)~~ are arranged at a first distance ~~(d)~~ from one another and adjacent to one another and are in each case intended and designed for electrically conductive connection to a terminal ~~(12, 13)~~ of a signal sink ~~(2)~~ or of a signal source ~~(2)~~, and wherein the two second ends ~~(8, 9)~~ are arranged at a second distance ~~(D)~~ from one another and remote from one another, said second distance ~~(D)~~ being greater than the first distance, and wherein the two longitudinal directions ~~(10, 11)~~ of the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~ enclose an acute opening angle (a) with one another, and wherein the acute opening angle (a) has a value of between 15° and 90°.
2. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acute opening angle (a) has a value of between 25° and 45°.
3. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the acute opening angle (a) has a value of 30° & 10 %.
4. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~ are designed to run in a straight line.
5. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~ are designed to run in a meandering manner.
6. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ is provided in order to electromagnetically couple the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~, which coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ is made of electrically conductive material and extends at least over a region lying between the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~ and is electrically isolated from the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~.
7. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein the at least one coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ is arranged to run transversely to the angle half-line ~~(18)~~ of the acute opening angle (a) between the longitudinal directions ~~(10, 11)~~ of the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~.

8. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 7, wherein the at least one coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ is arranged to run perpendicular to the angle half-line ~~(1-8)~~ of the acute opening angle (a) between the longitudinal directions ~~(1-0, 1-1)~~ of the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~.

9. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein a number of coupling webs ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ are provided, which coupling webs ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ have increasing lengths as the distance from the first ends ~~(6, 7)~~ of the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~ increases.

10. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein the at least one coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ is designed to run in a straight line.

11. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein the at least one coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ has the form of a narrow strip.

12. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration as claimed in claim 6, wherein the at least one coupling web has the form of a wide plate.

13. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein the at least one coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ extends over the region lying between the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~ and beyond the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~.

14. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~, with respect to a substrate ~~(20)~~ for the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~, are provided on opposite side surfaces of the substrate ~~(20)~~.

15. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~, with respect to a substrate ~~(20)~~ for the two antenna arms ~~(4, 5)~~, are provided together on a first side surface of the substrate ~~(20)~~, and wherein the at least one coupling web ~~(14, 15, 16, 17)~~ is provided on the opposite, second side surface of the substrate ~~(20)~~

16. *(Currently Amended)* An antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ is intended and designed for use in a contactless data carrier ~~(1)~~ for contactless communication with a communication station, which data carrier contains an IC ~~(2)~~ and the antenna configuration ~~(3)~~.

17. *(Currently Amended)* A data carrier ~~(1)~~ for contactless communication with a communication station, characterized in that the data carrier ~~(1)~~ is provided with an antenna configuration ~~(3)~~ as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1.